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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING A SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Randall L. Sanford, Jr.**, 20, Kansas City, Kansas, was sentenced on March 1, 2004, by Chief U.S. District Judge John W. Lungstrum to **33 months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by two years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Sanford entered a guilty plea on December 8, 2003, to one count of possessing a sawed-off shotgun.

Melgren stated that Sanford admitted as his plea that on June 16, 2003, he possessed a sawed-off shotgun with a barrel that was less than 18 inches long. Sanford further admitted that the shotgun was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record and, thus, it was illegal for Sanford to own or possess the shotgun.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.